

FARM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: Since 1935, hogs have increased their rate of lay 50 eggs per year. Can we expect hogs to continue laying more eggs?

Answer: The output per hen has passed the 15 dozen level in the U. S. and in North Carolina, most of our commercialized flocks have set. This trend can be expected to continue, according to G. F. Libeau, extension marketing specialist.

Question: What is the best weight to market hogs?

Answer: Animal husbandry men say that hogs should generally be marketed at 160 to 200 pounds. They say unless your feed program is extremely economical, additional pounds on a hog will mean less profit. They also advise selecting the very best gilts out of your market hogs and breeding them to replace some of the older, off-type, poor-producing sows in the herd.

Question: Is land ever "ruined" for future crop use?

Answer: Only when erosion uncovers unfavorable material. Ordinarily land is not ruined by "bad" farming practices other than erosion. Physical favorableness may be reduced, but good management can restore it.

Unusual Wedding Gift For La Grange Couple

Last September the Esso Grill of Cecil Burke Jr. in La Grange was relieved of its cash register, which contained about \$180. No trace of the thief or register ever turned up until Tuesday of this week.

Burke was not around to hear the good news, however, for he was married earlier this week and was away on a honeymoon trip.

Hunters near the Herman Moringo Farm in Wayne County, about three miles from La Grange, found the cash register, and what was most unusual about the discovery is that the money was still in it. The only

next summer.

Douglas says that home owners must give more attention to planting varieties adapted to the area, and also to routine checks and preventive measures for controlling disease and insect damage.

In other words, don't blame "Hazel" for troubles caused by the late freeze and disease that "normally" affect trees and shrubs. "Hazel" did enough "legitimate" damage without being blamed for the "doings" of other culprits.

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The poinsettia has long been a popular Christmas plant. The

probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season. The so-called blooms are really leafy bracts which color up a brilliant red. The true flowers are the small insignificant yellowish cups found in the center of the wheel of red bracts. The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the day light period to 15 hours by means of artificial lights. Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil. From then on handle it like any other pot plant. Softwood cuttings taken in July and rooted will give you good Christmas bloom.

A good potting soil can be made by mixing equal parts of sandy soil, clay loam, and well

Poinsettias require regular watering — every day if necessary — but not excessive watering. They should be placed where

solution is that the thief must have been frightened off before he could get the cash drawer opened.

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Sgt. Henry Brown Promoted in Nevada

HAWTHORNE, Nev. (FHTNC) — Marine Sgt. Henry Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Trenton, was promoted to his present rank in November.

He is serving with Marine Barracks at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

I am preparing for the Second Session of the 84th Congress which convenes on next Tuesday.

There are vital public issues to be settled in the weeks ahead. It will be my purpose to remain at my post in Washington to face the responsibilities that fall upon a Senator. That will make it mandatory that I keep my engagements in North Carolina to a minimum as I am confident that the people expect their representatives to attend to their business of legislation first. Such important matters as workable farm program, fiscal policy, highway construction, national defense, public education, peace and many other urgent questions will face this session. From time to time, as the public business will permit, I will return to the State to attempt to keep in touch with the wishes and opinions of the people on these and other matters.

I shall continue to report each week in this newspaper on the issues that are before the Congress. I shall tell you frankly and promptly what my position is on the issue after giving them careful consideration. The people's right to know how their elected representatives feel about important legislation is a sacred responsibility in my judgment, and I shall attempt to advise you in this spirit at all times.

Home Owners Blame 'Hazel' For Everything

Although "Hazel" and succeeding hurricanes did much damage to shade trees and shrubs, the storm shouldn't be blamed for "everything" that happens to the shrubbery, says R. S. Douglas, State College extension forester.

Douglas explains that lots of troubles are still showing up as a result of these storms. However, he reminds home owners that disease and insects are always present, and that they do not do much damage.

In addition, the spring freeze will have its mark on shrubs

and in August and early September shrubs should never be allowed to drop below 30 degrees below zero.

The world's largest naval vessel, the USS FORRESTAL, has an overall length of 1,000 feet, and with over 20,000 horsepower is capable of making 30 knots.

HERE'S HOW . . .

MAKE A CHILD'S SLED SEAT

A sled seat of simple design adds to the winter fun of the small child. The seat can be made from a board 1/2 or 3/4-inch x 10 inches x 4 feet.

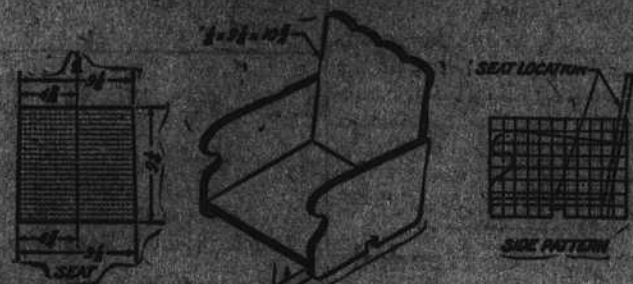
Cut out all parts as shown. Lay out the sides after drawing a full-scale 1-inch grid on the board. Scallop the back as shown for decorative effect. Use a plane to bevel the rear edge of the seat board to the same angle as the rear edges of the sides.

Assemble all parts with glue and 4-penny finishing nails. First join the back to the seat by nailing through the back into the beveled edge at the rear of the seat. Lay the assembly on its side and add the

sides, spacing the lower edge of each side one inch below the lower edge of the seat. Round all sharp edges and sand the entire seat. Paint bright red or green with two coats of outside enamel.

The seat shown was designed to fit one of the standard-make sleds, the lower projection of the sides fitting between the main side rails of the sled and the notches fitting over the cross brace of the sled to keep the seat from sliding. Dimensions shown may be changed slightly to adapt the seat for any sled.

A leather or web safety belt may be fastened to the sides to hold smaller children secure.



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